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### BEN HUR.

We have received from the publishers, Messrs, Harper Bros, New York, a copy of tiov. Wallace's new book, "Bea Hur: the story of the Christ," A lengthy and comprehensive critique of the novel, from the New York Times, having previously appeared in the GAZETTE, it is unnecessary to en- DRUGS, MEDICINES, ter into an analysis of the plot. "Ben Hur" is a romance of religion, but it is not, as many have supposed, a simple paraphrase of the New Testament for Gov. Wallace has caught its spirit and has written of the epoch of the advent of the Saviour and other holy personages. There is no cant, neither anything sacrilegious in the treatment of the story, and as a work of fiction it deserves to rank high. The narrative and dialogue are excellent, and there are numerous eloquent and sublime pictures, such as the following of the visit of the wise men to the infant Christ:

"The apartment was lighted by a lantern enough to enable the stranger to find the mother, and the child awake in her lap.

"' Is the chird thine?' asked Balthaser of Mary.

"And she who had kept all the things in the least affecting the little one, and pondered them in her heart, held it up in the light, saying : "He is my son!"

"And they saw the child was as ether children; about his head was neither nimbus nor material crown; its lips opened not in speech; if it heard their expressions of joy, their invocations, their prayers, it made no sign whatever, but, baby-like, looked longer at the flame in the lantern than at them.

"In a little while they arose, and, returning to the camels, brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrn, and laid them before the child, abating nothing of their worshiptul speeches; of which no part is given, for the thoughtful know that the pure heart was then what it is now and has al-

ways been -an inspired song. " And this was the avi articy ha come so tar to fina !

The book is a marvel of simple elegance and taste. It is sent by the publishers postpaid on receipt of \$1.50, and we shall be very much surprised if the book does not have a large sale, especially in New Mexico, for our peo ple may well take pride in their governor's latest contribution to litera-

WE made mention, a few weeks since, of the tour of a party of eminent Congregational clergymen, who made a flying visit to different points in the territory. One of these gentlemen, Rev. Robert West, Sup't of Congregational Missions in the Southwest, filled the pulpit in the Pugrim Church. St. Louis? on Sunday evening last and delivered an able and interesting address on the history, social-condition and the needs of this territory and the Southwest. In the course of his lecture he said: "New Mexico is most wealthy in the precious minerals; its climate is one of the most healthy in the world, and it is to be hoped when communication is opened thro' the means of railroads, and population begins to flow in, that this state of things will be remedied, Wild as was the religion of the Montezumas, it was immensely superior to any that those people have since possessed."

THE New Mexican has recently paid considerable attention to the condensation of news from the territorial and Colorado press. But the boiler- First-class bar where gentlemen will down of news should be more careful with his stew, as some horrible breaks have been committed of late. The only blunder that the GAZETTE has especialty to complain of is the clumsiness of this news condenser in cutting down the article which recently appeared on the local page, giving an account of the depredations of the band of outlaws, that has been making his headquarters at Las Portales. How | BILLIARD PARLOR the New Mexican could distort things as to make the GAZETTE say that J. J. Webb was the leader of the band we caunot conceive of.

W. M. PATTON, Western traveling agent and correspondent of the Chicago Journal of Commerce and Price Current is in the city and purposes writing a letter from Las Vegas seting forth the advantages of this point LIQUORS AND CIGARS for capitalists to invest. He has called upon some of our merchants and business men and has met with good PRIVATE CLUB responses to his scheme to advertise their business. The class of people among whom the Journal circulates to make a good showing of our town, and we hope sufficient encouragement will be given the plan to warrant Las Verne' receiving a good showing. is just that class before whom we wish

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